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octane subgrade fuel is going to cost us. I think we've got this thing turned...this bill is turned around 180 degrees. I support LB 536. I'd love to have that amended into this bill and I'd be fighting for that. That's the bill, of course, that provides incentives for new production. The market is out there for ethanol now. We need to jump aboard, get those plants located in Nebraska or expand the ones we have so that we are in place to go with this 300 million gallon a year use that California is projecting. I don't think they're going to back off the air quality standards that are in place now. They're going to have to have, I believe it's, 300 million gallons of ethanol a year just in California. What do we produce in Nebraska? A hundred and fifty or sixty or something like that last year is all we produce. We could double our capacity and not satisfy California. We're in a position to go ahead and do that. We have the raw products. We have the basic infrastructure in place here with existing plants that could expand. Then we could build new ones, as they're talking about up at Plainview, I think it is, and Axtell. I may very well invest in one out west. I'd like to have it closer to home, but I think ethanol has a very bright future down the road. And I just can't vote for this bill. I, number one, as I said, I have a financial conflict. I can see it producing revenue for my business, because there's going to be people go out of business over this bill. And, regardless of what we price this fuel, people have to have gasoline to operate and, for that reason, I'm going to continue to oppose it and hopefully bring some people over to my side so we can, you know, continue the discussion that this bill is going to favor big oil and it could be a serious detriment to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...ethanol sales in the state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Bruning a question. I wanted to be sure he was in the Chamber. That's why I was looking around.